

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: William J. Curatolo, et al. :
APPLICATION NO.: To Be Assigned Examiner: To Be Assigned
FILING DATE: Herewith : Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
TITLE: Pharmaceutical Compositions of Cholesteryl Ester Transfer Protein Inhibitor

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the matter of the application being filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please enter the following sentence as the first paragraph in the specification, immediately following the title:

-- This application is filed claiming priority from co-pending Provisional Application No. 60/223,279 filed August 3, 2000.--

A Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

The first page has been amended by inserting, as the first paragraph thereon, the following sentence which updates the application's status:

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